

**CITY OF MONROE
CITIZENS APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY HALL MEETING ROOM
300 W. CROWELL STREET
MONROE, NORTH CAROLINA 28112
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 – 4:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

Due to the increased risk of exposure and possibility of transmission associated with the Delta strain of COVID 19, all guests, staff and officials will be required to wear face masks. The number of guests will be limited to the number of available seats inside the meeting room. The mask requirement and seating limitation will be enforced by law enforcement if necessary.

1. Minutes of Citizens Appointment Committee Regular Meeting of June 7, 2021
2. Consideration of Upcoming Appointments to Boards and Commissions

**CITY OF MONROE
CITIZENS APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

June 7, 2021

4:00 p.m.

Present: Council Member/Chair Surluta Anthony and Council Member Freddie Gordon.

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Marion Holloway.

Staff

Present: City Manager Larry Faison and City Attorney Mujeeb Shah-Khan.

Staff

Absent: Assistant City Manager Brian Borne and Assistant Attorney Ashley Duncan-Britt

Visitors: Matthew Black.

The Citizens Appointment Committee met in the City Hall Meeting Room at 4:00 p.m. on June 7, 2021. Chair Anthony presided.

Item No. 1. Minutes of Citizens Appointment Special Meeting of May 10, 2021. Council Member Gordon moved to approve the minutes of the Citizens Appointment Committee Special Meeting of May 10, 2021. Council Member Anthony seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Anthony and Gordon

NAYS: None

Item No. 2. Consideration of Upcoming Appointments and Rescind Appointment.

A. Board of Adjustment. Chair Anthony advised that Staff had requested to rescind the appointment of Julius Marsh to the Board of Adjustment as he no longer meets the City's attendance requirements.

City Attorney Shah-Khan advised that the recommendation would be that the Citizens Appointment Committee recommend to Council that Mr. Marsh be removed from the Board of Adjustment. He explained that Mr. Marsh was appointed in March 2020 and had only attended two meetings since.

City Attorney Shah-Khan advised that Mr. Marsh already failed to meet the Council attendance policy set by Council. He noted that Staff reached out to him in February 2021 asking him to get in touch with them if he wanted to stay on the board. City Attorney Shah-Khan explained that Mr. Marsh did not respond to anyone, so that was why the Planning Department reached out to him. Despite the Planning Department's efforts, Planning Staff has not heard anything from Mr. Marsh.

Council Member Gordon moved to recommend that Council rescind the appointment of Julius Marsh from the Board of Adjustment due to not complying with the City's attendance requirements. Chair Anthony seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with the following votes:

AYES: Chair Anthony and Council Member Gordon
NAYS: None

B. Board of Adjustment. Chair Anthony advised that Staff had requested Ken Deal be appointed to Vice-Chair to the Board of Adjustment.

Council Member Gordon moved to appoint Ken Deal to Vice-Chair on the Board of Adjustment. Chair Anthony seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with the following votes:

AYES: Chair Anthony and Council Member Gordon
NAYS: None

C. Charlotte-Monroe Executive Airport Commission.

1. Patrick Furr. Chair Anthony advised that an application was received from Patrick Furr for the Charlotte-Monroe Executive Airport Commission. Staff had requested that Patrick Furr be appointed to a Partial Term to the Charlotte-Monroe Executive Airport Commission to replace the late Cress Horne to a Non-City Resident seat.

Council Member Gordon moved to appoint Patrick Furr to a Partial Term to replace Cress Horne as a Non-City Resident to the Charlotte-Monroe Executive Airport Commission with an effective date of January 1, 2021 and term expiration date of December 31, 2021. Council Member Anthony seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with the following votes:

AYES: Chair Anthony and Council Member Gordon
NAYS: None

2. Ken Haigler. Chair Anthony advised that Staff had requested Ken Haigler be appointed to Vice-Chair to the Charlotte-Monroe Executive Airport Commission.

Council Member Gordon moved to appoint Ken Haigler to Vice-Chair on the Charlotte-Monroe Executive Airport Commission with an effective date of January 1, 2021 and term expiration date of December 31, 2021. Council Member Anthony seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with the following votes:

AYES: Chair Anthony and Council Member Gordon
NAYS: None

D. Downtown Advisory Board. Chair Anthony advised that there were three vacancies on the Downtown Advisory Board consisting of one full-time and two partial members. She advised that an application was received from Marie Starnes; however, she was not eligible to serve as she was

not a resident of the City and the other two potential candidates were Whitley Michele Juba King and Joyce Rentschler.

City Attorney Shah-Khan advised that Matthew Black questioned Ms. Starnes' ineligibility as she owns a business in Downtown Monroe. He explained that he just had this conversation a few minutes ago with Assistant City Manager Brian Borne that the fact that she had a business in downtown did not count as the City Code required, that unless expressly stated, a member of a board had to be a City resident. City Attorney Shah-Khan thanked Madam Chair Anthony for identifying that as well. He noted that there would still be a seat available even if both eligible applicants were appointed.

1. Joyce Rentschler. Council Member Gordon moved to appoint Joyce Rentschler to a Full-Term to the Downtown Advisory Board to replace Roopal Das with an effective date of January 1, 2021 and term expiration date of December 31, 2023. Chair Anthony seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with the following votes:

AYES: Chair Anthony and Council Member Gordon
NAYS: None

2. Whitley Michele Juba King. Council Member Gordon moved to appoint Whitley Michele Juba King to a Partial-Term to the Downtown Advisory Board to replace Archie Morgan with an effective date of January 1, 2021 and term expiration date of December 31, 2022. Chair Anthony seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with the following votes:

AYES: Chair Anthony and Council Member Gordon
NAYS: None

E. Monroe Tourism Development Authority. Chair Anthony advised that Sharon Crowder Poston was requesting appointment to the Monroe Tourism Development Authority.

Council Member Gordon moved to appoint Sharon Crowder Poston as an At-Large Representative to the Monroe Tourism Development Authority to replace Dianne Nordan with an effective date of January 1, 2021 and term expiration date of December 31, 2023. Council Member Anthony seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with the following votes:

AYES: Chair Anthony and Council Member Gordon
NAYS: None

F. Planning Board. Chair Anthony advised that Ken Deal and Archie Morgan were requesting appointment to the Planning Board.

1. Ken Deal. Council Member Gordon moved to appoint Ken Deal to the Planning Board to a Partial Term as a Regular Member to replace Vickie Greene with an effective date of January 1, 2021 and term expiration date of December 31, 2023. Chair Anthony seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with the following votes:

AYES: Chair Anthony and Council Member Gordon
NAYS: None

2. Archie Morgan. Council Member Gordon moved to appoint Archie Morgan to the Planning Board to a Partial Term as an Alternate Member to replace Jennifer Smith with an effective date of January 1, 2021 and term expiration date of December 31, 2023. Chair Anthony seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with the following votes:

AYES: Chair Anthony and Council Member Gordon
NAYS: None

G. Public Safety Committee. Chair Anthony advised that there was one opening and one applicant, Robert Yanacsek. She moved to appoint Robert Yanacsek to the Public Safety Committee. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Chair Anthony moved to approve the recommendations made by the Committee to Council. Council Member Gordon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with the following votes:

AYES: Chair Anthony and Council Member Gordon
NAYS: None

Council Member Gordon moved to adjourn the Citizens Appointment Committee Meeting of June 7, 2021 at 4:15 p.m. Chair Anthony seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with the following votes:

AYES: Chair Anthony and Council Member Gordon
NAYS: None

Surluta Anthony, Chairperson

06-07-2021



STAFF REPORT

TO: Citizens Appointment Committee

VIA: Brian J. Borne, Interim City Manager

DATE: September 13, 2021

FROM: Bridgette H. Robinson, City Clerk

PREPARED BY: Sherry K. Hicks, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: Consideration of Upcoming Appointments to Boards and Commissions

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Consideration of upcoming appointments to Boards and Commissions.

REVIEW

The Citizens Appointment Committee will meet on September 13, 2021 to consider the following applications:

Name of Board	Vacancies	Applicant(s)	Attended Committee Meeting
Downtown Advisory Board	One Member	Marie Starnes	04-27-2021
Monroe Tourism Development Authority	Two At-Large Representative One Hotel Representative	MaryAnn Rasberry (At-Large)	08-12-2021
Planning Board	One Regular (Partial Term) to replace Edith Covington (Expires on 12-31-2022)	William David Dotson John Harris	07-06-2021 11-12-2020
Public Safety Committee	One Member	Selina Campbell William David Dotson Robert Yanacsek	04-19-2021 08-16-2021 04-19-2021

RECOMMENDATION

Discussion and recommendation of appointments to City Council.

CITY OF MONROE
COMMITTEE APPLICATION

This application is a public record in accordance with Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes. The application and all of the information contained within it may be disclosed in connection with a public records request. The application will be kept on file for two years.

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Applicant must attend at least one Committee Meeting of interest within one year prior to submitting application before application will be considered. NOTE: The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee is exempt from this requirement due to this being a newly formed Committee.

Committee:

Downtown Main Street
Advisory Board

Committee Meeting Date Attended: (DEI Committee exempt.) Name:

Address:

Mailing Address:

(If different from

above) Contact

Info:

4/27/21

Marie Starnes

4812 Austin Rd Monroe, NC 28112

Employment Info:

marieb.starnes@gmail.com
Email Address

704-320-1228
Phone #

Residency Info.

Marie Starnes CPA PC
Employer

CPA, President
Position

Are you a United States Citizen?

City ☐ County ☒

Please education,

ates Citizen? Yes ☒ No ☐

experience and activities which relate to your interest in serving on the above Committee. State briefly why you are interested in serving on this Committee (use additional sheets if necessary).

I have lived in Monroe my whole life. I have 2 children that attend schools in this county. I have been a CPA for 19 years in this town with my firm located in downtown Monroe. I see the potential in downtown Monroe and want to be a part of

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City of Monroe
P.O. Box 69
Monroe, NC 28114-0069

Signature:

Date:

3/25/21

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of the exciting things that are happening

Sherry Hicks

From: City of Monroe <no-reply@monroenc.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 6:06 PM
To: Sherry Hicks
Subject: Committee Application

Committee Application Form

Committee Monroe Tourism Development Authority

Committee Meeting Attended
(Mandatory) Monroe Tourism Development Authority

Date Attended (Mandatory) 8-12-2021

Applicant's Name MaryAnn Rasberry

Applicant's Address 2507 King Arthur Drive
Monroe, NC 28110

Applicant's Email maraz@carolina.rr.com

Applicant's Phone (704) 6040742

Applicant's Employer NA

Position

Residency Information City

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes

Please list education, experience, and activities which relate to your interest in serving on the above committee. State briefly why you are interested in serving on this committee.

BS Education, University of Texas, Interim Director of Downtown Monroe, Inc. during street scape, first façade grants, Municipal Service District. Served on Center Theatre Development Board. Currently serving as Chair of the Monroe Planning Board. Since moving to Monroe in 1994, I have been involved with the City BS in Education - University of Texas at Austin. Since moving to Monroe in 1994, I have been involved with the City of Monroe beginning with Downtown Monroe, Inc. (Interim Director for 8 plus months) during street scape, beginning the façade grants, developing the Municipal Service District and involved with the Downtown Business Association. I have served on the City of Monroe Planning Board for 20 plus years and currently serve as Chair. As of December 31, 2021, I will rotate off the board. With my long term involvement with the City, I would like to use my past experiences to continue to support its future growth and development. I believe that tourism is a vital key to that future success. and therefore would like the opportunity to be a part of that success.

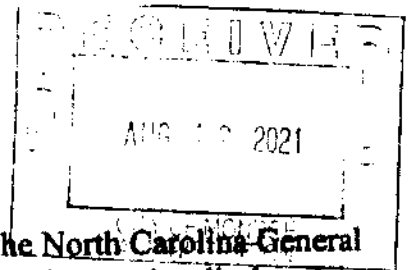
Signature

MaryAnn Rasberry

Date

8-12-2021

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Committee: Planning Board Committee

Committee Meeting Date Attended: July 6th, 2021

Name: William David Dotson

Address: 2202 FoxHunt Drive,
Monroe NC

Mailing Address:
(If different from above) _____

Contact Info: wdotson@carolina.rr.com 984 221 0788
Email Address Phone #

Employment Info: Char-Meck Police Dept. OFFICER
Employer Position

Residency Info: City ☒ County ☐

Are you a United States Citizen? Yes ☒ No ☐

Please list education, experience and activities which relate to your interest in serving on the above Committee. State briefly why you are interested in serving on this Committee (use additional sheets if necessary).

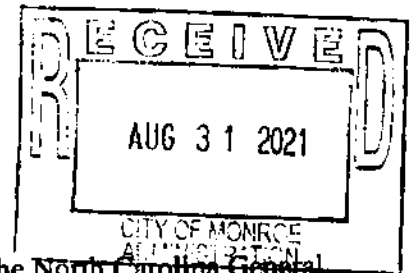
I have lived in Monroe, NC for over a decade and have truly enjoyed the city, people, and the amenities here. I have enjoyed and continue to enjoy raising my family in the City of Monroe. As a citizen of Monroe, I feel a sense of duty to assist our city leaders in their plans to move Monroe forward and transform Monroe into a modern, vibrant city. Recently, I have observed, from a resident's perspective, how a proposed development starts and submits their development to planning. I have observed on a small scale the interaction between the planning department and the developers. I have been able to watch the process for how a development is brought before both the planning committee and the city council. If chosen I hope to, in some small way, do my part as an "average" citizen to help make Monroe a great city for years to come.

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Signature: William David Dotson

Date: 08/12/21

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Committee: Planning Board

**Committee
Meeting Date**

Attended: Panning Board Meeting (November 2020)

Name: John F. Harris

Address: 601 Winchester Avenue, Monroe, NC 28110

Mailing Address:
(If different from above)

Contact Info: jfharrisfunls87@aol.com
Email Address

704.289.4243 (Office)
Phone #

Employment Info: Harris Funeral Home
Employer

Manager
Position

Residency Info: City ☒ County ☐

Are you a United States Citizen? Yes ☒ No ☐

Please list education, experience and activities which relate to your interest in serving on the above Committee. State briefly why you are interested in serving on this Committee (use additional sheets if necessary).

College Graduate, Enjoy public service and help make progress in the City of Monroe, North Carolina.

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Date:

August 31, 2021

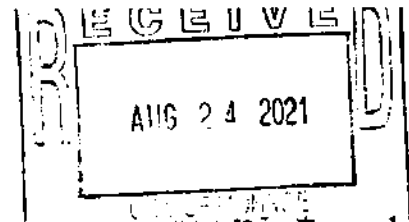
Sherry Hicks

From: City of Monroe <no-reply@monroenc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 3:45 PM
To: Sherry Hicks
Subject: Committee Application

Committee Application Form

Committee	Public Safety
Committee Meeting Attended (Mandatory)	Public Safety Meeting
Date Attended (Mandatory)	4-19-2021
Applicant's Name	Selina Campbell
Applicant's Address	3416 Old Charlotte Hwy Monroe, NC 28110
Applicant's Email	unioncountykids@gmail.com
Applicant's Phone	(704) 2180568
Applicant's Employer	Union County Kids
Position	President
Residency Information	City
Are you a U.S. citizen?	Yes
Please list education, experience, and activities which relate to your interest in serving on the above committee. State briefly why you are interested in serving on this committee.	I'm interested in sitting on this committee because of my work in the community. My goal as the founder of Union County Kids and President of Better Family Life North Carolina is to curb senseless violence effecting the community.
Signature	Selina Campbell
Date	6-9-2021

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Committee: Public Safety Committee

Committee
Meeting Date
Attended:

08/16/2021

Name:

William David Dotson

Address:

2202 Fox Hunt Drive, Monroe, NC

Mailing Address:
(If different from above)

Contact Info:

wdotson@carolina.rr.com

Email Address

984-221-0788

Phone #

Employment Info:

Char-Meck Police Department

Employer

Officer

Position

Residency Info:

City ☒ County ☐

Are you a United States Citizen? Yes ☒ No ☐

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Please See Attached Sheet

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Date:

WD Dotson
08/17/21

Dotson application for the Public Safety Committee.

First, thank you for considering me for this committee. I understand that that as a citizen it is important to be involved in the decision making process in your community. I hope that this abbreviated description of my experience in public safety will provide enough information for selection.

I have lived in the area for the past 33 years. After finishing my time in the USMC as a military police officer I moved back to the area and chose to live here in Monroe NC. I have been a police officer for the past 21 years in a different jurisdiction. I have worked as a line officer and in specialized units.

As a police officer I have had the opportunity to interact with various stakeholders in differing types of neighborhoods. I have completed several Problem Oriented Policing projects that have benefited the stakeholders in these areas. All of these projects involved working with the members of the community to identify problems and to collaborate on a solution. Some of these projects were long term and ended in nuisance and abatement action. Others were as simple as assisting a citizen in getting a school bus stop moved.

I have been a member of the Civil Emergency Unit assigned to protect citizens during most of the protests of the past several years along with working the RNC and DNC. I have received training on and understand the various equipment used by those types of units.

Yearly, I complete NC Justice Academy training classes to maintain my NC law enforcement certificate. Those classes include diversity and inclusion training, among others, and legal updates. I am a member of the Race Matters for Juvenile Justice (RMJJ). This is described as a collaborative group of various criminal justice professionals who share information regarding racial matters in juvenile justice. I understand the importance of being an asset to the members of the community who are different races, religions, and ethnicities.

De-escalation is a huge topic in policing today and I am currently a CIT officer. This means that I have received Crisis Intervention Training. I use this training in my daily work to assist those experiencing a mental health crisis or to de-escalate emotionally charged situations. Being able to interact and respond to persons with mental health challenges is one of the biggest issues faced by law enforcement today.

I have been awarded the Chief's Excellence in Police Award twice along with numerous commendation and citations.

I hope that reader of this application will excuse me for this one side note. I am not a "super cop" and I do not think that I am better than the thousands of other officers in this country. I am just like the other hardworking officers who want to serve the community and enforce the law. Every officer's career is different and they spend their time in different ways. I have chosen to spend my career close to the communities I worked in.

To close, I hope to be part of the Public Safety Committee because I feel that I have an understanding of the effort, training, equipment, and mindset that it takes to be an excellent member of the public safety community. I feel that serving on this committee or in any other capacity is an extension of the 25 years of public service that I continue to provide the citizens in my home and work communities.

Sherry Hicks

From: City of Monroe <no-reply@monroenc.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 11:51 AM
To: Sherry Hicks
Subject: Committee Application

Committee Application Form

Committee Public Safety

Committee Meeting Attended (Mandatory) NOTE: The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee is exempt from this requirement due to this being a newly formed committee. Public safety

Date Attended (Mandatory) NOTE: DEI Committee exempt. 4-19-2021

Applicant's Name Robert Yanacsek

Applicant's Address 513 EVERETTE ST
MONROE, NC 28112

Applicant's Email bob@go4frost.com

Applicant's Phone (704) 2614222

Applicant's Employer Charlotte Police/FROST

Position Patrol Officer/Emergency service provider.

Residency Information City

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes

Please list education, experience, and activities which relate to your interest in serving on the above committee. State briefly why you are interested in serving on this committee. Public Safety committee qualifications will be forwarded.

Signature Robert Yanacsek

Date 4-29-2021

Robert S Yanacsek
Curriculum Vitae - 2020

More than 30 years of experiences in public safety including

- Member of the Marshville Volunteer Fire/Rescue as a teenager,**
- Wingate college graduate**
- American Red Cross Swimming Instructor,**
- Wingate University Life Guard**
- Wingate University Life Guard Instructor**
- Special Olympics Swimming Coach & Instructor,**
- Certified scuba/rescue diver,**

-Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Officer with 29 years of service including,

- **CMPD Field Training Officer**
- **CMPD Certified Bike Patrol**
- **Trained Community Policing Officer**
- **CIT Crisis Intervention Team**
- **CMPD Patrol Rifle Certified**
- **CMPD Exceptional Fitness awards**
- **Training in crime prevention through environmental design,**
- **CMPD Dual Sport Motorcycle Patrol Officer**
- **CMPD In-Service Driving Instructor,**
- **CMPD Radar Certified Officer**
- **CMPD Suspect Interview Training**
- **Basic Accident Reconstruction,**
- **Community Building Training,**
- **Tactical/combat First-Aid Training**
- **Combat Firearms Training**
- **Hazardous Materials Training,**
- **Conflict Resolution Training De-escalation Training,**
- **CIT (Crisis Intervention Team),**
- **Patrol Rifle certified,**
- **CMPD exceptional fitness awards,**
- **CMPD Officer of the Month,**
- **Exceeds the required criteria for NC Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate**
- **Hands on training in CMPD Communications center,**
- **DCI Certified**
- **Property Control Experience**
- **Crime Scene Investigation Training & Experience**
- **Assist with CMPD Street Crimes Unit**
- **CMPD SWAT Training and Call participation**
- **K9**
- **Worked with CMPD Drug Interdiction Unit**

- Non-emergency services unit
- Extensive Training and participation in Auto Theft, Homicide, Housebreaking, Crime Scene,
- Highway Interdictions & Traffic Safety Fraud, Sex Crimes and Human Trafficking Investigations,
- Training with CMPD Helicopter Aviation Unit,
- Numerous FEMA and Homeland Security Certifications for Mass-Casualty and Natural Disaster incidents,
- CMPD Active shooter training,
- DNC & RNC training and hands-on experience,
- Security Operations at a CAT X Airport (One of 5 in the US)
- Dignitary Security,
- Regular continuing in-service training in all aspects of Law Enforcement

Miscellaneous Relevant Experience

- Monroe NC Neighborhood Watch,
- Prior member of the Monroe Historic District Commission
- Commercial Rated Pilot
- Hands-on experience working at regional airports,
- Hands-on experience with local/regional animal welfare groups & UC Humane Society
Co-owner of an Emergency Services company working with large number of emergency service providers in municipalities from across the country,
- Regular participant in Monroe NC Neighborhood Walk-throughs.

Most likely the only member that has had 4 homicides, multiple shootouts between suspects, within a few blocks of their home including one actually within feet of me.

This is just a small sample of the experience and insight I can bring to the City of Monroe Public Safety Committee.

I meet or exceed all the criteria to be appointed to the public safety committee and ask the council to set aside any personal bias against those wanting to make Monroe a better place and fill the remaining slots creating a Committee of 9.